

What is claimed is:

1. An airbag device comprising:

- a bag housing case;
- 5 a first airbag housed in a deflated, folded state within the bag housing case, for opening a cover of the bag housing case by an inflating force of the first airbag when inflating;
- a second airbag housed in a deflated, folded state within the bag housing case, for mitigating an impact on an obstacle by inflation after the cover is
- 10 opened; and
- a bag pressure release mechanism for opening the inflated second airbag when an internal pressure of the second airbag reaches a predetermined pressure so as to release gas within the second airbag to the outside.

15 2. An airbag device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bag pressure release mechanism faces into the second airbag.

3. A method for inflating an airbag device, comprising the steps of:

- inflating with gas a first airbag housed in a deflated, folded state within
- 20 a bag housing case;
- opening a cover of the bag housing case with an inflating force of the first airbag;
- guiding gas within the first airbag into a second airbag housed in a deflated, folded state within the bag housing case;
- 25 inflating the second airbag by inflow of the gas;
- opening a bag pressure release mechanism when an internal pressure of the inflated second airbag reaches a predetermined pressure; and

discharging gas within the second airbag to the outside through the open bag pressure release mechanism.